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Subject: Colorado gov drinks river water, will Gina do the same?

Maybe Gina could take a swim instead?

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New Mexico's environment secretary is criticizing Colorado's governor for drinking water from the river contaminated by a mine spill.

Gov. John Hickenlooper put an iodine tablet in a bottle of Animas River water to kill bacteria before taking a gulp Tuesday. He was trying to prove the river was back to normal after 3 million gallons of mine waste containing heavy metals was unleashed last week.

The Farmington Daily Times (<http://bit.ly/1KjwljX>) reports that Secretary Ryan Flynn told residents there Wednesday night that the move was irresponsible and sent a bad message. He said Hickenlooper may as well have lit 15 cigarettes at once.

Hickenlooper, a Democrat, got attention in 2013 after saying he drank a form of fracking fluid to prove it was safe.

Colorado is allowing treatment plants to use river water again, but the Animas remains closed to boating.

Read more at <http://www.wral.com/the-latest-epa-chief-visits-new-mexico-to-see-spill-fallout/14828428/#0JmlVDJayRd7OAUU.99>